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SUBSTITUTE DECLARATION OF INVENTOR(S)

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

ISOLATED DNA MOLECULE ENCODING RANK LIGAND

the specification of which was filed October 13, 2000, and which has been assigned U.S. Serial No. 09/688,459.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification including the Preliminary Amendment that was filed October 13, 2000. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known to me and material to patentability of the subject claimed invention in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

(X) I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of the United States application(s) and PCT international application(s) designating the United States that are listed below, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>
08/995,659	December 22, 1997

(X) I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of the United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>
60/064,671	October 14, 1997
60/077,181	March 7, 1997 (converted to provisional from 08/813,509)
60/059,978	December 23, 1996 (converted to provisional from 08/772,330)

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so

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